

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1051

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Virginia Public Records Act; availability of public records.

5. Summary: Provides that upon a petition filed with the clerk, a judge may enter an order releasing any record in the custody of The Library of Virginia that was sealed prior to January 1, 1901. The bill also provides that any individual or private entity that is in lawful possession of any images of public records created prior to January 1, 1901, may publish such records in any format, without paying a fee or requesting permission from the original custodian.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill will allow for publishing of certain records once obtained by private entities or individuals in compliance with current law and fee requirements. No fiscal impact is anticipated.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Circuit Courts; Library of Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.